



Certification and Higher Education Committee
Maine State Board of Education
Minutes of the November 26, 2012 Meeting

The Certification and Higher Education Committee held a meeting on Monday, November 26, 2012, at the Department of Education in Augusta. The following were present: Chair Nancy Perkins; Jana Lapoint; and Heidi Sampson (Board Members); Mark Cyr (DOE); and Mary Becker, State Board Secretary Associate.

Guest: Cathy Owens-Oliver and Malik McKinley, ETS; and Andrew McAuliff, RSU#54/Maine School Management

Nancy Perkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MOVED by Jana Lapoint, seconded by Heidi Sampson, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the September 24, and October 22, 2012 minutes as written.

Updates

Certification (Mark Cyr):

- The Certification Department is moving forward on the new software update and anticipates late spring activation.

Educational Testing Service (ETS)

- Cathy Owens-Oliver introduced Malik McKinley as the new ETS representative for the State of Maine. Malik provided the committee with the following:
- 90% of ETS tests are now on line and all tests will be available on line by 2015.
- There are concerns regarding the one week testing window and it will be increased to a two week window in 2013.
- There will be an increase in the number of testing centers over the next few years.
- Due to Common Core, the Praxis I test will be regenerated in 2013. The math and ELA sections of the test will be more rigorous to correspond to the changes included in the Common Core.
- There are opportunities available to people taking tests. There are computerized demos of tests online and free webinars with study tips. There is no charge for the demos.

- Webinars for Praxis I and Praxis II are available every semester.
- There are multiple tests coming out in 2013 such as one on dispositions.
- ETS is creating an on-line teaching endorsement. The committee will be reviewing this test as well as looking at trends in New England and nation-wide.

Virtual Teaching

- One of the areas in which the committee is broadening their knowledge is virtual teaching. The certification of teachers to teach on line is a nation-wide discussion.

Chapter 118

- Chapter 118 needs to address the language regarding the ten teaching standards versus the ten InTASC standards.

Nancy will be meeting with the Commissioner and Deb Friedman regarding opening Chapter 115.

The Committee has received concerns about the updating of the ten InTASC standards. There have also been concerns regarding the updating of mentor training materials. Nancy will contact Doug and Shirley Spaulding and invite them to the December 17, 2012 Certification Committee meeting. Doug and Nancy are training mentors for the Department of Education.

- Handouts
 - 2012 Data Specialist Certification Informational Brochure
 - New England States Crosswalk – Testing Year 2012 to 2013

The next Certification Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2012 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will be held in room 541 of the Cross State Office Building.

Adjournment

The Certification Committee meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.